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Setling of Differences between the Towns of *Great and Little Yarmouth*, touching the Lading and Unlading of *Herrings*, and other Merchandizes and Commodities.



Whereas there have been heretofore many differences between the Towns of *Great and Little Yarmouth*, in the Counties of *Norfolk and Suffolk*, or in one, or both of them, to the impoverishing of both by mutual Dissentions: The final determinations of which, would tend greatly to the peace of both.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent



Excellent Majesty, by, and with the Assent
 of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and
 the Commons in this present Parliament as-
 sembled, and by the Authority of the same ;
 That the men and inhabitants of Little Yar-
 mouth, otherwise South-Town aforesaid, for
 the time being, with their own proper Ships
 and Vessels coming into the Port or Haven
 of Yarmouth aforesaid, laden with their own
 proper Goods or Merchandizes, of which
 Customs ought to be levied at the Town of
 Great Yarmouth aforesaid, such Customs, and
 all other Duties payable to His Majesty
 aforesaid, shall pay unto the Collector or
 Collectors thereunto Assigned, or to be
 Assigned ; which Customs, and all other
 Duties payable to His Majesty there, be-
 ing paid, then the said men and inhabi-
 tants of Little Yarmouth, otherwise South-
 Town aforesaid for the time being, or their
 Servants, with their said Ships and Ves-
 sels to the said Town of Little Yarmouth,
 otherwise South-Town aforesaid, at their plea-
 sure may return, and there may Lade and
 Unlade, or else may go where they please ;
 and of these Goods and Merchandizes in the
 same Ships and Vessels being, their profits
 thereof may make without the let or hinde-
 rances of the Burgeses of Great Yarmouth
 for the time being, or any other whatsoever,
 and without being compelled to Lade or
 Unlade at the said Town of Great Yarmouth
 against their will, and without being com-
 pelled to pay any other Customs to the use of
 the said Burgeses or their Successors : Ne-
 vertheless, the said men and inhabitants of the
 said Town of Little Yarmouth, otherwise

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South-Town aforesaid for the time being, their own proper Ships and Vessels at the said Town of Great Yarmouth, will of their own accord Unlade, then the same Ships and the Goods and Merchandizes therein being, other usual Customs due to the said Burgeses of Great Yarmouth, as are just, they there shall pay.

And it is also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said men and inhabitants of Little Yarmouth, otherwise South-Town aforesaid for the time being, their own proper Ships and Vessels laden with Goods and Merchandizes, whether of Herrings or other Fish, or other things whatsoever (whereof Customs ought not to be paid) at Little Yarmouth, otherwise South-Town aforesaid, or elsewhere they please may Lade and Unlade; and such Goods and Merchandizes whether of Herrings, or of other Fish, or other things, by themselves or their servants, and bringers thereof may put to sale, and other profit thereof may make, without the let or hindrance of the Bayliffs and Burgeses of Great Yarmouth aforesaid, or any other; Any Charter, Statute, Law, or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided always, That this present Act, nor any matter or thing therein contained, shall not extend to any stranger, but only to such person and persons that shall be inhabiting in the said Town of Little Yarmouth, alias South-Town aforesaid, any thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it also Enacted, That the men and inhabitants of Little Yarmouth or South-Town aforesaid



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aforesaid, that bring any Ships or Vessels into the said Haven of Yarmouth shall pay all such Duties for maintainance of the Peere within the said Haven, at such rates, and in such manner as the Freemen of the said Town of Great Yarmouth, and not otherwise.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the said Bayliffs and Burgeses of Great Yarmouth aforesaid, shall within three years after the passing of this Act agree, That the men and inhabitants of Little Yarmouth aforesaid, shall be united to, and incorporated with the said Bayliffs, Burgeses and Corporation of Great Yarmouth; and that thereupon the inhabitants of Little Yarmouth, shall not within Six moneths after such Agreement, at their own proper Costs and Charges, obtain Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England, for the Union and Incorporation of the said men and inhabitants of Little Yarmouth with Great Yarmouth aforesaid, so that they may both be firmly united, and made one entire Body and Corporation, That then this Act, and every Clause, Matter, and Thing therein contained, shall be void and of none effect, to all intents and purposes whatsoever; Any thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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